

LAKEVILLE LIONS CLUB
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Greetings fellow Lions!!

We Are Serving.....Despite Covid's best efforts, the Lakeville Lions are moving forward with many opportunities before us.

First, let's welcome our newest club members Lion Art Sears and Lion Pastor Larry Chrisman. They were inducted during our August dinner meeting. Lion Larry Ort sponsored Art and I sponsored Pastor Larry. Please introduce yourselves and make them welcome in our pride.

During our recent Board and Dinner meetings, we discussed the different ways we can serve our community, either individually or in smaller groups. Simplicity in service is part of this year's focus. If you and a couple of Lions are taking people to appointments, or plan to have a small group highway clean up...let's do it and then report it as a service project to the membership. Another idea is reaching out to our local shut-ins at St. Paul's in South Bend via encouraging letters, cards, and video conferencing, etc. It was suggested we build another Little Free library. I want to encourage everyone to BE creative. As needs arise please bring them to our attention so we can act upon them together.

In other news, some of our members attended DG Brian Thomas' Banner night at Camp Mack in Milford, IN. Wow can that man sing! The event was very entertaining, informative, and well attended. We all maintained social distancing and still had an awesome time. I had the privilege of representing our club that evening as we transferred the Governor's Banner from Lakeville to the Elkhart club. DG Brian will be our special guest for our next dinner meeting scheduled for Tuesday September 22nd. The event will be held at the Palmer Center. The dinner begins at 6:30 pm and the meeting starts at 7:00 pm. We will take all the necessary precautions to protect all our Lions.

This Lions year will continue to challenge us to be creative in the service of others. We are certainly up to this challenge. I'm looking forward to seeing all the different and unique ways we can work together to make a difference in people's lives one day at a time.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion President Diane



Right to left: Lion Larry Ort (sponsor) and new Lion Art Sears.

- ❖ Lion Art hit the ground running by sponsoring his first new member! Lion Art came to the September 8th Board of Directors meeting with a membership application for his wife Theresa. Theresa will be inducted as a member at our next Dinner Meeting, Tuesday September 22nd.
- ❖ Apologies to our other new member; we missed the opportunity to take a picture of Lion Larry Chrisman, and his sponsor Lion President Diane Fischer. Look for a picture of them next month, as well as a picture of Lion Art and our newest member, his lovely wife Theresa.

- ✓ Following up on a project that our Club approved and paid for during our 2019 – 2020 fiscal year, the benches made of recycled plastic are now finished, in place and they look great! Many thanks to Lion Laura Hawkes who did much of the leg work for this project, and to Lion Jim Tillman for his role as Club liaison for the Scouts. The Scouts collected caps for many years. Check out the benches; one is at the Lakeville Library (pictured is Lakeville Library staff member Rachael Finch) and the other one is at the newly renovated Lakeville Fire Station.



Recap of Horse and Pony Club event at the 4-H Fairgrounds, August 7th – 9th

Many Lions worked together to make this fundraiser a success! Thank you to everyone who helped, with an extra shout of appreciation to the following Lions; Jennifer and Darcy Gardner, Max Feitz, Larry Ort, Austin Tillman and Jim Tillman. The Club made a little over \$1500. That's a lot of pancakes, biscuits and gravy, hamburgers, chicken tenders, cheese curds and french fries served to hungry customers. Covid-19 related precautions were taken to keep everyone as safe as possible. Compared to ten days of a 4-H Fair schedule, three days seems like a short run at the food booth, but it takes a LOT of effort, planning and energy to operate the booth for any length of time!

- ✓ Info from Board of Directors meeting on September 8th; it was decided to give \$900 to be split equally (\$300 to each group) to Cub Scout Pack 247, Boy Scout Troop 247 and Girl Scout Troop 247. Our Club continues to serve as the Charter Sponsor for all three groups. Their ability to promote their annual popcorn sale has been severely hampered by the continued Covid-19 restrictions and precautions, but they are considering other ways to raise funds. Our contribution will allow each group to start their year with a modest amount of money in their respective accounts at the LaSalle Council.

Thank you Lakeville Lions for the calls, prayers and cards while Dick was in the hospital. Now that Dick has gone to his heavenly home all your cards and calls have been so comforting to me. The memorial tribute was beautiful and meaningful. We have been very proud to be part of the Lakeville Lions Club. With love, Jean DuFord.

*Thank
You*

Lion Dick DuFord passed away on July 13th. He was 85 years old, but much younger at heart and in spirit.



Lion Anne Weber had major shoulder surgery on her right arm on Tuesday, September 8th. She has a long recovery ahead of her. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers. If you would like to call, email or send Anne a get-well card, but need her contact details, please email or call Lion Lissa Newton for that information.

lissanewton1984@gmail.com Cell# 574-360-4754 (leave a message if necessary)

District Governor Brian Thomas - guest speaker at the September 22nd dinner meeting.



Here's a little bit about Brian, first published in the August District 25-G newsletter:

Lion Brian began his official involvement with Lions by joining the Elkhart Lions in 1992. He was introduced to Lions as a child, packing light bulbs and brooms for sale under the direction of his father Paul, an Elkhart Lion since 1959.

Lion Brian is a life -long (so far) resident of Elkhart Indiana, graduating from Elkhart High School and then Indiana University. Returning to Elkhart after college, Brian joined the family business-retail shoe store in downtown Elkhart. In 2004 other opportunities were presented to Brian and the decision was made to close the business after 49 years of operation. Brian was the Director of Downtown Elkhart and then head of the Elkhart Urban Enterprise Zone. Also, in 2004 Brian was elected to the Elkhart Common Council and is currently serving his fifth term. In addition to Lions, Brian serves as a Red Coat at Elkhart General Hospital, volunteer at the Elkhart Botanical Gardens and is actively involved in the Lerner Theater as volunteer, tour docent and advisor. Since 2011 Brian has been involved with Premiere Arts, the performing arm of the Lerner, appearing in 30 productions on stage. While in Lions Brian has held almost every local position including two terms as Elkhart President. Brian is a Melvin Jones fellow and a William P. Woods recipient.

Dinner reservations reminder for Tuesday September 22nd at Palmer Community Complex

Call now! It's not too early!

You must call Lion Jean DuFord at 574-291-0680 by Friday September 18th to reserve your meal.

This is a new Lions year; please, we all need to adjust our mindset. Jean is the everyday hero who doesn't need a cape because her superpower is taking reservations by phone!!

Like the rotary phone, the "permanent" list is a thing of the past!

A reservation means you intend to attend the dinner meeting and pay for your meal when you arrive. This allows us to give the caterer an accurate count. Children age 12 and over are considered full paying adults. The cost of a meal is \$9.00



*** Recipient of the free dinner in September (50/50 Consolation ticket drawn) is Lion Laura Hawkes! ***

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Club calendar: <http://lakevillelions.org/calendar.html>

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR (dates subject to change due to COVID 19)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>WHAT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>WHERE</u>
Tues. Sept. 22 nd	Dinner Meeting	6:30 pm	Palmer Community Complex
Tues. Oct. 13 th	Board of Directors Meeting	6:30 pm	Scout Hall
Tues. Oct. 27 th	Dinner Meeting	6:30 pm	Palmer Community Complex



Chairperson Lion Larry Ort is checking to see if the Club can hold our annual Halloween Party at Palmer Community Complex (following any necessary Covid -19 restrictions or precautions that will likely be in place). Please stay tuned for further announcements! Halloween falls on a Saturday night this year!

Any Club is always looking for new fundraisers that are easy and profitable.

Check out <https://www.terrilynn.com/>

The Syracuse Lions Club has had success with this fundraiser. The company can open an online store (on their website) with our Club's name. We then direct friends and family who are interested in the premium nuts, snack mixes and chocolates to the online store. Items are shipped direct. They make their purchase and we get the profit.

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